

Attachment 2

Definition of B2 Terms

(DWR definitions – common definitions being completed 4-18-2000)

Reset

This term refers to the use of upstream storage releases to provide upstream flow augmentation for fishery purposes in the Fall. Such storage releases deplete reservoir storage. The "reset" occurs if natural inflow restores the depleted storage, in which case the water released in the fall shall not count against the 800,000 acre-feet annual b(2) account.

The State position is that a quantifiable b(2) benefit occurs in the fall due to such releases, and no additional obligation should occur due to favorable hydrologic conditions.

Offset

This term is used to describe two technical aspects of the methodology used in the DOI b(2) Implementation Plan which the State believes are either technically or conceptually incorrect. Making these corrections would not require any changes in the language of the body of the DOI b(2) Implementation Plan.

The first problem is an accounting error based on SWP payback pumping allowed by D-1485 to secure CVP willingness to comply with a spring export curtailment. Since the 1994 Accord, the CVP has a direct obligation to share in the curtailment, with no payback required.

The second relates to the current method of calculation that does not count a CVP export cutback against the b2 account if the foregone pumping results in water stored upstream in CVP reservoirs, regardless of whether the water is subsequently delivered to CVP users. This must be corrected since, in most cases, the foregone pumping results in direct losses of water for the users to provide fishery benefits – the underlying concept of the b2 program.